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**In re United States Patent Application of:**

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**Applicants:** LEE, Sang Yup, et al.

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**Title: NOVEL RUMEN BACTERIA VARIANTS AND PROCESS FOR PREPARING SUCCINIC ACID EMPLOYING THE SAME**

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**RESPONSE TO AUGUST 23, 2007 OFFICE ACTION, AND PETITION FOR TWO MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/580,556**

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Sir:

This responds to the August 23, 2007 Office Action in the above-identified application.

The term for responding to the August 23, 2007 Office Action without extension was set at three months, or November 23, 2007. Applicants hereby request a two month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 to extend the deadline for response to January 23, 2008. Payment of the \$230.00 small entity fee specified in 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2) is made by on-line payment at the time of submission of this response for filing.

Authorization also is hereby given to charge the amount of any deficiency or additional fee or amount properly payable in connection with the filing of this response, to Deposit Account No. 08-3284 of Intellectual Property/Technology Law.

Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in **Section I (Amendments to the Claims)** hereof.

Remarks concerning the amendments to the claims and the substance of the August 23, 2007 Office Action are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** hereof.